

REMARKS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on March 28, 2008. By the present amendment, Claim 137 has been amended and Claims 146-151 and 162 have been canceled. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the present application, as presently presented, are respectfully requested.

I. Rejection of Claims 137-145 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 137-145 were rejected 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as the invention. Independent Claim 137 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

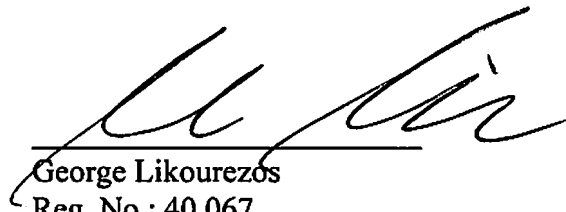
Claims 138-145 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 137 and therefore contain all the features of independent Claim 137. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection with respect to Claims 137-145 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and allowance of said claims are respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 146-151 and 162 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b)

Claims 146-151 and 162 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by DiSalvo, et al. (U.S. 6246558). By the present amendment, Claims 146-151 and 162 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and have the application issued per the allowed claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate prosecution of this application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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